

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA  
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MARICOPA**

IN THE MATTER OF                    )  
MISDEMEANOR DUI CASES        )  
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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER  
NO. 2003-038

Whereas, misdemeanor driving under the influence cases are prosecuted in 23 municipal courts and 23 justice of the peace courts in Maricopa County, and

Whereas, equal justice requires that these cases be managed uniformly in Maricopa County so that the public, victims and defendants are treated equally regardless of which of the 46 limited jurisdiction courts handles their case, and

Whereas, the Maricopa County trial courts are preparing quarterly case aging data on misdemeanor driving under the influence cases that suggests cases are not proceeding to trial within the same time frames in the limited jurisdiction courts and, indeed, some driving under the influence cases are taking over one year to resolve,

IT IS ORDERED:

1. Each limited jurisdiction court in Maricopa County shall develop a case management plan to judicially manage each driving under the influence case, absent extraordinary circumstances, to completion of trial or change of plea within 150 days of arraignment for in-custody cases, and 180 days of arraignment for out-of-custody cases.
2. The Presiding Judge of each municipal court and the Associate Presiding Judge for the justice of the peace courts shall prepare a case management plan to accomplish this goal and present it to the Presiding Judge of Maricopa County by November 1, 2003. This case management plan will also take into account Rule 8.6 of the Arizona Rules of Criminal Procedure which states that trials will not be continued unless extraordinary circumstances exist.
3. Commencing January 1, 2004, each presiding judge of the municipal court and each justice of the peace shall report to the Presiding Judge of Maricopa County each month a list of pending driving under the influence cases that have not proceeded to trial or change of plea within 150 days for in custody cases and 180 days for out-of-custody cases from arraignment.

DATED this 10<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2003.

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Colin F. Campbell  
Presiding Judge

Original: Clerk of the Superior Court

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